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Library Receives Grant to Support Publication on Visual Resources Relating to Washington, D.C.

The Library of Congress has received a grant of $156,649 from the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation to produce a guide to the visual resources on Washington, D.C., in its Prints and Photographs Division. The publication is to be entitled "Washingtoniana."

The one-year grant will enable the division to hire staff to survey, organize, and catalog its vast collection of photographs of Washington, estimated to number more than 600,000 negatives and prints, and prepare a comprehensive guide to facilitate their use. The photographs date from the earliest known photographs of the city to those of the 1980s.

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation is a private organization which funds projects of interest to the District of Columbia.

The Library's Prints and Photographs Division contains more than 10 million prints, photographs, negatives, posters, and other pictorial material relating to the United States and other countries throughout the world. Its holdings have been acquired primarily through gift and copyright deposit.

Further information about the project may be obtained by writing Library of Congress, Washingtoniana Project, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

House Appropriations Committee Reports Library's Budget for Fiscal Year 1984

On May 25, the House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 3135 (House Report 98–227), a bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year 1984, including funds for the operation of the Library of Congress.

A total of $214,784,000 was recommended for operations of the Library of Congress for fiscal year 1984. In addition, the committee

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approved authority for the Library to obligate up to $9.5 million in receipts. This allowance is $11,105,000 above the 1983 appropriation.

The sum of $126,428,000 for Salaries and Expenses, Library of Congress, was recommended, which is $6,125,000 more than the total 1983 appropriation enacted to date. Three permanent positions were allowed for the Performing Arts Reading Room in the Madison Building, four for the Music Division, two editorial assistants are allowed for the Law Library, and an editorial assistant has been allowed for the American Folklife Center. The committee supplied funding for 19 indefinite positions for cataloging and inputting into the MARC data base Far East materials. In addition, the bill authorizes the use of not more than $4.3 million to be credited to this appropriation from sales of catalog cards and bibliographic materials. The allowance reflects approval of all mandatory increases and $40,000 for growing workload.

An appropriation of $10,981,000 was recommended for the Copyright Office. In addition, authority to spend up to $5,200,000 in copyright fee receipts was allowed.

For the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, $35,099,000 was recommended, an increase of $1,715,000 more than the fiscal year 1983. Three positions have been allowed.

The committee recommended $2,962,000 for the Special Foreign Currency Program, which is a reduction of $1,500,000 under the request. The committee directed the Library of use an excess buildup of Indian rupees for normal operating needs.

Under Furniture and Furnishings, $1,524,000 was recommended, which is $298,000 more than appropriated in 1983.

The Committee on Appropriations recommended an appropriation of $37,790,000 for the Congressional Research Service, which is an increase of $3,939,000 more than the 1983 appropriation enacted to date. Funding has been allowed for mandatory increases except that a reduction of $440,000 has been made to provide a reasonable amount for a prospective adjustment in the lapse rate. The committee has allowed 10 positions.

A sum of $5,230,000 was recommended in the appropriation to the Architect of the Capitol for the maintenance and operation of the Jefferson, Adams, and Madison Buildings during fiscal year 1984.

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Pickford Theater Is Dedicated

Exhibition, Symposium, Film Series Mark Week-long Celebration of New Program

A week-long celebration that got under way on May 10 inaugurated the first program made possible by the gift of $500,000 from the Mary Pickford Foundation (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for May 9, pp. 145–6). The events included the dedication of a new film theater in the Library named in honor of Mary Pickford, followed by a reception, an exhibition, a one-day symposium dealing with the life, times, and films of Mary Pickford, an a five-day film series of Mary Pickford and other silent film stars. Photographs on this and the opposite page were taken during the celebration.

Jean Firstenberg, director of the American Film Institute, who unveiled one of the dedicatory plaques honoring Mary Pickford, addressed those present for the dedication ceremony, including Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin.

Mrs. Daniel J. Boorstin, Senator Barry Goldwater, Buddy Rogers, Mrs. Rogers, The Librarian, and Matty Kemp, an executive with the Mary Pickford Company, gather following the dedication ceremony. In his tribute to Miss Pickford, Senator Goldwater described her as "a talented, even brilliant actress who was capable of convincing audiences that she was the part she was playing, be it an orphan child, an ingenue, an innocent, naive housewife, or a glamorous sophisticate."

At dedication ceremonies, Clare Boothe Luce, Buddy Rogers, and Lillian Gish recall that Ambassador Luce was once an understudy to Miss Gish, but that Miss Gish never missed a day's work.

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Lillian Gish, Mrs. Jay Leyda, and Jay Leyda, distinguished film scholar who moderated the afternoon session of the symposium, enjoy a moment together in The Librarian's office. Mr. Leyda is a professor in the Department of Cinema of New York University.

True Boardman, Jr., film scriptwriter and child actor in silent films; silent film star Blanche Sweet; Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., who began his acting career in silent films; and Erik Barnouw, former chief of the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, participate in a symposium on the topic, "Mary Pickford, Her Times, The Films." Mr. Barnouw, professor emeritus at Columbia University, moderated the morning session of the May 11 symposium, which was held in the Mary Pickford Theater.

Library of Congress Publications

Ongoing Publications

Accessions List: Southeast Asia. ISSN 0163–4046. Cumulative List of Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei serials. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director-LOC, American Consulate General, Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi, Pakistan.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Biofeedback. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 83–1) January 1983. (12 p.) Compiled by Kay Rodgers, this guide updates an earlier *Tracer Bullet* (TB 81–1) and is intended for those who wish to locate materials on learned control of central and autonomic nervous system functions. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Library of Congress, Science and Technology Division, Science Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Powder Metallurgy. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 83–2) January 1983. Compiled by George D. Havas, this guide lists basic reference sources on powder metallurgy, a process in which metals are reduced to powders with special properties. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Science and Technology Division, Science Reference Section. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

National Union Catalog. ISSN 0028–0348. 1981 Annual Cumulation. Part 13: Stanek, F–United States. Dept. of S. . . (1,022 p.) Part 14: United States. Dept. of t. . .–Wark (575 p.) Part 15: Warl–Z (573 p.). For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, at $1,375 for the 1981 annual cumulation.

News. ISSN 0160–9211. Vol. 14, No. 2. April–June 1983. This report on national and international activities in library services for blind and physically handicapped individuals is distributed bimonthly to the national network of cooperating libraries and agencies serving blind and handicapped readers. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

CNLIA Holds Semiannual Meeting

The semiannual meeting of the Council of National Library and Information Associations (CNLIA) took place in New York City on May 6. At the previous meeting in December, a series of informal workshops had sought to define the goals, purposes, and activities of CNLIA. A summary of these discussions revealed that the councillors want it to be an open forum for expressing the concerns of the library community to member associations, legislators, and the general public.

In recent years, one of the important activities was the monitoring of the passage of the Copyright Law, especially in connection with the definition of fair use in the matter of photocopying of copyright material. Since the fifth-year review of the law is in the offing, it was decided that the council should take an active role in presenting the views of its constituency to Congress at the appropriate time.

For many years, CNLIA has served as secretariat of American Standards Institute Z39 Committee on Library, Publishing, and Information Practices. Over the years many standards have been adopted, such as the ISSN. Very soon, this committee will sever its connection with CNLIA as it becomes financially independent.

Another reminder of the fruitful activity of the council was the final report of Alice D. Ball, now retiring as the founding executive director of the Universal Serials & Book Exchange, an institution established through the initiative of the council 35 years ago, during which time 15,000,000 publications have been exchanged between libraries.

The program featured a discussion on "Funding/Grantsmanship for Associations" by Candace Kuhta, director, The Foundation Center Library, and Michael Seltzer, consultant, Seltzer Associates, both of New York City. To obtain funds for all sorts of worthwhile purposes has become an art and science by itself. The Foundation Center sees as its task to bring together donors and recipients by publishing information about the foundations and their grants and maintaining a library of interest to both. Mr. Seltzer suggested among other things that the covering letter to a grants proposal should be like a good book cover jacket to catch the attention of the busy foundation executive.

Theodore Wiener, Library of Congress, attended as councillor for the Association of Jewish Libraries.

[*Theodore Wiener*]

STAFF NEWS

Sherlock Searcher, Callin' 'em as He Sees 'em

In the great ball game of reader service, however, Sherlock sadly opines that the Library is likely to strike out on the titles listed here, missing from their bases and not safely slid into the Central Charge File. If any of you can pop one up, at least, there would be a chance to save the inning. The Special Search dugout is in Alcove 7, Main Reading Room, or you can call Sherlock on 77427 if you want to swing at any of these. He hopes to be able to call the Library "safe" at home.

- Berger, Peter L.
  To Empower People: The Role of Mediating Structures in Public Policy. 1977. HN18.B459
- Clark, Joseph S., ed.
  Congressional Reform: Problems and Prospects. 1965. JK1061.C58
- Connell, Stephen.
  Electronic Mail: A Revolution in Business Communication. 1982. HE6239.E54C66 1982
- Dixon, Norman F.
  Subliminal Perception: The Nature of a Controversy. 1971. BF323.S8D56
- Foreman, Grant.
  The Five Civilized Tribes: A Brief History and a Century of Progress. 1966. E78.O45F62 1966

- Harrigan, Edward.
  The Mulligans. 1901. PZ3.H2358M
- *The Indian Ocean and the Threat to the West: Four Studies in Global Strategy.* 1975. DS341.I5
- Jones, Rochelle.
  The Private World of Congress. 1979. JK1061.J65
- Reed, Robert Carroll.
  Old Washington, D.C. in Early Photographs, 1846–1932. 1980. F195.R3 1980
- Stevens, Christopher.
  Food Aid and the Developing World: Four African Case Studies. 1979. HC59.7.S82 1979

Semiannual Awards Ceremony Honors Many Staff Members

Various awards were presented to more than 365 staff members during the Semiannual Awards Ceremony held in the Coolidge Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, May 31. The biannual program acknowledges the past achievements of staff members and encourages dedication to and excellence of service. In addition to honoring those receiving length of service, suggestion and special achievement, and meritorious, superior, and distinguished service awards, this ceremony recognized recipients of quality increases for the first time.

Welcoming remarks were made by Lawrence Robinson of the Incentive Awards Committee, and by Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, who, along with Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh, made the presentations. Donald H. Smith of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped narrated the ceremony.

A musical prelude was offered by Elmer Booze of the Music Division, and, following the presentation of colors by the Armed Forces Color Guard, the Navy Sea Chanters of the U.S. Navy Band performed for the audience. A reception in the Great Hall followed the program.

The names of those persons who received Special Achievement and Meritorious, Superior, and Distinguished Service Awards will appear in next week's LC *Information Bulletin*.

Length of Service

Library of Congress employees are awarded service emblems in recognition and appreciation of faithful service to the Library and the citizens of the United States.

30 Years

Robert Dunn
Asian Division
Research Services

William R. Huntley
Descriptive Cataloging Division
Processing Services

Thangam Ranga Iyer
Descriptive Cataloging Division
Processing Services

Maria N. Levitzky
Subject Cataloging Division
Processing Services

Helen E. Saunders
European Division
Research Services

Alan Schneidmill
Cataloging Distribution Service
Processing Services

35 Years

Nathan R. Einhorn (Deceased)
Exchange and Gift Division
Processing Services

Philip Kline
Photoduplication Service
Associate Librarian for Management

Richard Pearson
Buildings Management Division
Associate Librarian for Management

Lawrence S. Robinson
Preservation Office
Research Services

Robert C. Sullivan
Order Division
Processing Services

Emmett G. Trainor
Collections Management Division
Research Services

40 Years

Bernice Brown
Network Division
Associate Librarian for National Programs

Irene Wright Harley
Central Services Division
Associate Librarian for Management

Nicoletta C. Marketos
Special Materials Cataloging Division
Processing Services

Quality Increases

Additional within grade increases have been approved for the following Library of Congress employees in recognition of their sustained high quality performance.

Processing Services

Linda Bartley
LaVonne Boddicker
Reba Branch
Sylvia Cook
Ronald Goudreau
Janice Higdon
Margaret Jacobs
Cynthia Johanson
Barbara Jones
Cynthia Katkish
Eugene Kinnaly
Michael Miller
Celeste Moore
Sue Parks
Linda Pletzke
Allan Runge
Ann Shaw
Kay Smith
Sandra Spires
Hayna Stepanenko
Susan Tarr
Charlotte Utoff
Beacher Wiggins

Associate Librarian for Management

Katrina Adams
Regina Butler
Mary Bynum
Earl Carter
Harry Farmer
Richard Genter
John Kormos

Copyright Office

Susan Barfield
Edna Blakley
Ruby Bowser
James Cole
Jane Collins
Theresa A. Davis
Thomas Dunn
David Eastridge
Alma Edwards
Audrey Fischer
Charlotte Givens
Susan Harley
Gayle T. Harris
Ellen Lazarus
Lester Ledbetter
Sylvia McKinley
Randy Myers
James Nichols
Catherine Patrick
William H. Poole
Jean Prieto
Nicholas Roberts
Susan Robinson
Stephen Rosenblatt
Walter Sampson
William Shuttleworth
Margaret Thomas
Jerry Tuben
Donette S. Vandell
Mary Wilson
Julienne Wood

Law Library
Janish Anderson

Associate Librarian for National Programs
Doria Beachell
Johanna Craig
Mildred Dyson
Krandall Kraus

Congressional Research Service
Harry Barnes
Marsha Cerny
Bernard Gelb
Victoria Hill
John Kaldahl
Felix Krayeski
Irene Le Court
Martin Lee
Warren Lenhart
Robert Nickel
Cheryl Smith

Research Services
Marguerite Bloxom
Ellen Bryant
Milton Cole
Frances Feldman
Kathleen Hunt
Rodney Mill
Michael Smihula
Alan Solomon
Geraldine Tapscott
Samuel Tyler

Office of the Librarian
Lynne Hammett

Suggestion Awards

An award for an idea submitted by an employee and adopted by the Library.
Alexander Hromockyj
Richard F. Sharp

Group Award
Information and Reference Division, Copyright Office
Frank J. Evina
Cheryl C. Rich

Group Award
Visual Arts Section
Examining Division
Copyright Office
Elaina M. Evans
John J. Wayne

Activities of Present and Former Staff Members

Ranjan Borra of the Southern Asia Section, Asian Division, won four first-place gold medals in the 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, and 100-yard backstroke events at the D.C. Masters Spring Swimming Meet and in the 500-yard freestyle event at the D.C. Masters Spring Pentathlon Meet held recently in the Washington area.

Mercer University Press in Macon, Ga., has published *The Tares and the Good Grain* by the prominent Swedish social philosopher, Tage Lindbom, in a translation by **Alvin Moore, Jr.,** who retired from the Overseas Operations Division in 1980. The book has appeared in French and Spanish translations as well as in the original Swedish. Mr. Moore's translation was made from the French of Roger Du Pasquier, *L'Ivraie et le bon grain, ou le royaume de l'homme à l'heure des échéances.* Mercer University Press, founded in 1979, is one of the relatively few private university presses in this country and only the second in the southeastern United States, the other being that of Duke University. Mercer University was chartered in 1833.

At the time of his retirement, Mr. Moore was field director of the Library's office in Karachi, Pakistan. He and his wife, Aurora, retired to Carrollton, Ga., early in 1980.

William R. Nugent, assistant director, Automated Systems Office, presented a paper on "Applications of Digital Optical Disks in Library Preservation and Reference" at the American Federation of Information Processing Societies' annual National Computer Conference in Anaheim, Calif., which was held from May 16 to 19. The conference set an attendance record this year of more than 100,000 computer specialists. Mr. Nugent's paper dealt with the Library's pilot project in optical disk technology and was published in the AFIPS *Proceedings.*

Winston Tabb, assistant chief of the General Reading Rooms Division, participated in the Dallas (Tex.) Genealogical Society's annual spring workshop on May 7. Addressing the topic, "The Library of Congress, Treasure House for Genealogists," he described the resources and services of the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, but emphasized the Library's special collections, such as maps and the Historic American Buildings Survey materials, that are very useful for the compilers of family histories who are aware of these collections.

Eugenia Useriu, Shared Cataloging Division, participated in the eighth annual convention of the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences held at the University of California on April 21–23. Guests and participants at the convention included writer Eugene Ionesco, Robert Martin of the Sorbonne, Alain Besançon of the École de hautes études de Paris, and Eugene Coseriu of the University of Tübingen. A folk art exhibition organized by Mrs. Useriu was opened during the convention. She also presented a paper on "Carmen Sylva, European poet and Romanian Queen."

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Elisa Diehl, preliminary cataloger, GS–5, Desc Cat, 30005; Christopher Pittman, MARC clerk, GS–3, MARC Ed, 30082; Odessa Wynn, assistant division secretary, GS–6, CRS F, 30024.

Temporary Appointments: A.-Kareem Abdullah, graduate assistant, GS–5, Loan, NP; Peter Chewning, reference clerk, GS–3, CRS AIS, NP; Lynne Clark, graduate assistant, GS–5, Cop Exam, NP; Lemuel Clinton, graduate assistant, GS–5, Cop Rec Mgmt, NP; Arthur L. Edmonds, Jr., graduate assistant aid, GS–5, Afr/ME, NP; Jeffry Erickson, analyst in life sciences, GS–5, CRS SPR, NP; Janice Fletcher, general clerical assistant-searcher, GS–5, GRR, NP; Hugh Ganser, economic analyst, GS–5, CRS E, NP; Ronald Hantz, graduate assistant, GS–5, LL O, NP; Keith Kelly, machine operator, GS–3, FRD, NP; Thomas Kerr, research assistant, GS–5, CRS ENR, NP; Valerie Mitchell, graduate assistant, GS–5, NLS/BPH, NP; Cassandra Ricks, processing assistant, GS–5, Mss, NP; Christine Rose, social science analyst, GS–5, CRS SPR, NP; Gary Shorter, economic analyst, GS–5, CRS E, NP; Albert E. Smith, Jr., graduate assistant, GS–5, Col Dev, NP; Linda Sweet, graduate assistant, GS–5, OGC, NP; Mark Weinberger, social science analyst, GS–5, CRS SPR, NP; Christopher Zimmerman, GS–5, CRS E, NP.

Temporary Reappointments: Jennifer Boniface, clerk-typist, GS–4, LR, NP; Sandra Cooke, economic analyst, GS–5, CRS E, NP; Donald Ghee, file clerk, GS–2, OGC, 30327; Rita Gylys, analyst in life sciences, GS–5, CRS SPR, NP; Addie Townsend, clerk-typist, GS–4, Exh, NP.

Promotions: D. H. Brunell, to assistant FEDLINK network coordinator, GS–13, FLC, 30049; Mary Brunson, to reviewer, GS–9, Subj Cat, 30171; Regina Butler, Col Dev, to personnel clerk (typing), GS–5, Pers Opns, 20845; James Gentner, to assistant head, foreign language serials catalog, GS–12, Ser Rec, 30080; Barbara James, to conservator (rare book binder), GS–11, Preserv, 30088; Pamela McKinley, Bldgs, to issue brief clerk, GS–4, CRS AIS, 30190; Alexander Paul, Col Mgmt, to shelflister (trainee), GS–5, Subj Cat, 30095; Leon Sims, to head, Shipping and Receiving Section, GS–10, CDS, 30249; Richard Waters, FRD, to deck attendant (trainee), GS–3, Ser, G105F.

Transfers: Tarria Burwell, Ord, to computer terminal operator, GS–5, CRS AIS, 30141; Albert Kohlmeier, Desc Cat, to technical assistant to the chief, GS–12, CIP, 30113; Craig Lelansky, Col Mgmt, to deck attendant (trainee), GS–3, Ser, G105F; Ann Sullivan, P&P, to shelflister (trainee), GS–5, Subj Cat, 30095.

Resignations: Anthony Biondolillo, Cop Exam; Bolivia Davis, CRS AIS; Terri Donnelly, FRD; Emmett Johnson, Ord; Michele Johnson, Cop Lic; Morris Nix, Cop Cat; Alan Silverstein, CRS AIS.

June Programs

The **LCPA Special Interest Group on the Treasures of the Library of Congress** will present Kathleen Hunt of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division in a program on Tuesday, June 21, starting at 12:10 p.m. Ms. Hunt will describe the Rosenwald Collection and will illustrate her presentation with slides. The program will be held in classrooms A and B of the Staff Training and Development Office (LM 654).

Staff members are invited to attend this program during their lunch period.

The **Scholars Committee** will hold its next colloquium at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, in the Wilson Room, Jefferson Building. Shelly Ekhtiar, former lecturer in English at Pars College, Tehran, and currently a doctoral candidate in English at Brandeis University, will discuss "*Hayy ibn Yaqzan:* The Impact of a Medieval Arabic Romance on Englishtenment in Europe." The commentator will be Fereshteh Nouraie, former associate professor of comparative history, Tehran University.

All interested persons are invited to attend this colloquium. Sessions usually last about an hour, including both presentation and discussion period.

APPENDIX

A Report on the 14th Annual Meeting of ACURIL

Part I

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) was held on April 17–22 on the island of Aruba in the Netherlands Antilles. The host institution was the Biblioteca Publico Aruba, which generously assumed the responsibility on very short notice when it became necessary to change the conference site from Guyana, where it had originally been scheduled. Alice van Romondt, director of the Aruba Public Library, chaired the local arrangements committee.

The theme of the conference was "Caribbean Libraries and Research," its expressed aim being "to stimulate an awareness on the part of every type of library in the Caribbean of its research potential and its capacity to support research," particularly in the context of national development.

At the formal opening session of ACURIL XIV on the evening of April 17, words of welcome and support were delivered by N. Oduber, commissioner of cultural and library affairs of Aruba, Ruth Geerman, president of the newly formed Netherlands Antilles Library Association, and His Excellency P. Bislip, Lt. Governor of Aruba. The response was given by ACURIL's president, Yvonne Stephenson, University of Guyana. The session was followed by a reception tendered by the Government of Aruba.

At the first administrative session on April 18, President Stephenson introduced the conference theme and program. She noted that ACURIL's membership spans more than 20 Caribbean nations and territories and embraces some 115 institutional members and more than 100 personal members from all major language groups in the area—English, Spanish, French, and Dutch. ACURIL can therefore claim to be truly multilingual and representative of the region. She noted that the conference facilities included simultaneous translation for the first three languages cited. In her report of the past year's activities, she cited the recurrent problems of communication difficulties, insufficient financial support, and worsening economic conditions in several countries, all of which seriously diminished committee and conference participation. Nevertheless, the Executive Council had been able to meet twice, in Caracus and Aruba, and there was a specially convened meeting in Trinidad of a council subcommittee on the restructuring of ACURIL. Among the year's accomplishments were the compilation of a new manual of procedures for the conduct of ACURIL's business, a review of the association's functions and the role of the Secretariat, the drawing up of a comprehensive set of proposals for restructuring ACURIL, and the ongoing productive work of several of the standing committees. The president's report was followed by that of the secretary-general, Oneida Ortiz of Puerto Rico, who also summarized the treasurer's report on behalf of Joan Hayes, who could not attend. At the beginning of ACURIL XIV, the association's net cash balance stood at $9,460.85.

The keynote address was delivered by Dennis H. Irvine of the University of Guyana, currently UNESCO consultant for science and technology in the Caribbean. Calling attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the First Meeting of Caribbean Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology, which had concluded only a few days before, Dr. Irvine emphasized that effective research for development requires a critical mass of human, institutional, information, and financial resources. "These resources are not in abundant supply in the Caribbean and critical masses can be achieved only by rationalization of them at the national level, and often at the regional level as well." After examining some of the determining factors in the development of information policies at the national level, and some of the resulting parallel and sometimes conflicting systems and mechanisms which have resulted from the failure on the part of both the policymakers and the traditional library community to work together toward common national goals, Dr. Irvine urged libraries in the Caribbean "to go beyond the traditional services offered, and provide an information service that takes cognizance of, and is oriented towards the information needs of research directed to development." They need to establish documentation and information centers with their own data bases and with access to outside ones that may be relevant. Ideally such centers should be national, but, if circumstances require that they be sited outside libraries, the libraries by virtue of their special expertise "should see it as their responsibility to promote the establishment of such centres and be the catalytic and moving agents for their realisation." In closing what he modestly called his "tour d'horizon," Dr. Irvine urged libraries to "take an interest and undertake research in their particular subject fields in order to gain . . . a

a deeper insight as to the kinds of information and the forms of their delivery that are most useful to researchers and end users."

Dr. Irvine's presentation generated lively discussion. Stephney Ferguson of the National Library of Jamaica observed that the ministers responsible for science and technology do not appear to be on speaking terms with the ministers responsible for libraries. She feared that because of this gap, new institutions are being set up which do indeed bypass the established library/information structures that could contribute a great deal if they had adequate support. Dr. Irvine replied that this seems to be owing to the library's image, which is often that it plays a passive "collecting" role rather than a catalytic one. Unless libraries work actively to dispel this misconception, there is the danger that a lot of uncoordinated little systems and centers will be created. This was echoed by Alma T. Jordan, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, who felt that the profession has not been moving in a sufficiently concerted way to show its capacity for diverse approaches to collecting materials, creating data banks, and delivering information. Daphne Douglas, University of Jamaica, Mona, exhorted the ACURIL membership, which she said includes much more than "us old fogies," to work with policy makers and systems planners to achieve the kinds and levels of information services and research contributions desiderated by Dr. Irvine.

The focus of Panel I of the program was research and librarianship, with Juliet Henket-Hoornweg, Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal- Land en Volkenkunde, Leiden, in the chair. Daphne Douglas in her paper on "The Sphere of the Librarian's Research" gave an overview of the nature of research in the library and information field and how it relates to professional development. She discussed research methodology, the dissemination and evaluation of published results, and the ways in which library research supports that in other disciplines. Noting that librarians tend to lean towards the pragmatic approach, she affirmed her conviction that "it is not enough to say—I am a good professional librarian. I do whatever I can, given limited resources, to give as good a service as I know how. It is not sufficient that one manages, organises, conserves and disseminates as one was taught in library school. . . . The real way that the librarian can leave a mark on the profession is by involvement in the area of research." In the ensuing discussion, several participants spoke of how time-consuming a full-time library job tends to be. Allowing time for the professional librarian to pursue research interests ought to be a part of national library planning, but it never is according to Stephney Ferguson. Joel Benjamin, University of Guyana Library, thought that a librarian committed to the professional and personal value of research will make the time; too many librarians do tend to see themselves as "servants." Yvonne Stephenson also felt that a dedicated librarian can make the time, instead of devoting so much attention to routine and technical operations that can be handled by paraprofessionals and assistants.

Panel I continued Tuesday morning with a presentation by William Cameron, University of Western Ontario, Canada, entitled "The State of Library Research in the Caribbean and Latin America." This included an informative report on the IDRC/IFLA Preconference Seminar on Education for Research/ Research for Education held at Montreal in August 1982, one of whose prime objectives was to survey and evaluate the status of education for research in schools of library and information science in Latin America and the Caribbean. Dr. Cameron laid special emphasis on the great need for adequate bibliographic control of the literature on library research produced in the Caribbean.

Panel II, on Tuesday morning, chaired by Alma T. Jordan, focused on "The Researcher and the Library." Papers looking at the theme from different perspectives were presented by Shirley Evelyn of the University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, Jeannette Allis of the St. Thomas Public Library, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Ramón Todd Dandaré of the Linguistic Institute of the Netherlands Antilles, Caração. Professor Dandaré spoke feelingly of the intellectual isolation of the scientist in the Netherlands Antilles, a cultural dependency of the mother country where the official language of the courts and the schools is spoken by only eight percent of the populace, whose university, comprising only three faculties—law, socioeconomic science, polytechnic—is barely 10 years old, and where research libraries in any subject are virtually nonexistent. While the situation is not as extreme in all countries and territories of the Caribbean, there is nevertheless everywhere some residue of the colonial experience which has encouraged reliance on the metropolis, pushing to one side the idea of solidarity and a spirit of interaction within and throughout the community of Caribbean peoples. Professor Dandaré underlined the need to redress this deficiency by working for closer integration based on bilateral and multilateral agreements in economic, social, and cultural matters, arrived at by groupings such as ACURIL.

The theme of Panel III, chaired by Rafael Delgado of the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, was "Information Technologies and Research in the Caribbean." Michael Gill, Barbados Library, Archive and Information Centre Network, spoke on

"Development of Modern Information Technologies and Their Impact on Research." Reviewing the variety of data, formats, and modes of communicating information that have added new dimensions to the role of libraries in recent years, Mr. Gill cited OCLC and the British Library Lending Division (BLLD) as two institutions that represent two major thrusts of the information world, Universal Bibliographic Control and Universal Availability of Publications. These and other developments in information technology need to be approached by the librarian with an open mind in order to realize the full benefits of their application. The Caribbean is relatively close to the centers of computer-based cooperative information services, and, while the cost of communications links will continue to present problems, some solutions will be found through cost-sharing and perhaps the extension of educational discounts by governments made more aware than they have been in the past of the decisive role of information. Mr. Gill quoted Courtney Blackman, governor of the Central Bank of Barbados, who argued in an address delivered in January of this year that information has replaced energy as the critical productive input in the economy and that societies unable to cope with the information explosion can hardly achieve economic development.

Albertina Jefferson, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, in a paper on "Problems in the Application of New Technologies in the Caribbean," dwelt in greater detail on some of the practical issues touched on by Mr. Gill. She noted at the outset that the Caribbean economies, despite relatively high levels of per capita income compared with other third world countries, have features of "dependent underdevelopment." Nearly all can be seen as disadvantaged developing island economies, with corresponding diseconomies of small scale in public services, utilities, and infrastructure. This has a severe inhibiting effect on the introduction of advanced technology involving the purchase of expensive computers and software packages. There are also serious problems of inadequate maintenance capacity—trained personnel, spare parts, access to diagnostic and performance monitoring information—and of the relatively high cost of telecommunications hookups to the United States using commercial lines. Even the comparatively affluent U.S. Virgin Islands have had many problems of this sort in launching their USVI Library Experiment. Mrs. Jefferson ended her paper with a note that had already been sounded more than once in the deliberations, and would be heard often again: ". . . it is . . . a fact that improved information services is a fundamental need of the economy as a whole. . . . It is essential to make those who make decisions about the allocation of resources aware of the possibilities of the new technology as applied to information work."

At the second administrative session on Tuesday afternoon, Gustave Harrer, University of Florida, Gainesville, as chair of the Bylaws and Constitution Subcommittee, presented a number of amendments proposed by his group. These included changes in the designation and status of honorary life members, modest increases in dues, the tenure of official representatives on the Executive Council, several minor changes to clarify the intent of the bylaws and remove obsolete and unnecessary provisions, and a proposal to strengthen the permanent support staff of the Executive Council. The careful and efficient work of the subcommittee was recognized, and the proposed amendments were approved unanimously.

The session of April 20 began with Panel V on "The Researcher and Access to Information," chaired by Próspero Mella Chavier, Universidad Pedro Henríquez Ureña, Dominican Republic. The first paper by Alvona Alleyne, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, was "Retrieval Tools for Caribbean Information: A Review of the Current Situation." Mrs. Alleyne recommended the various papers submitted to SALALM XXIV (1979) as a good point of reference for the state of bibliographic control in the Caribbean up to that time, especially the contribution of Juan Freudenthal and Valerie Bloomfield. Her own paper concentrated on the impact of new technology on bibliographic compilation and dissemination. Noting wryly in passing that newer is not always better, she said, "Our early Caribbean bibliographers, when denied access to established publishers. . .mimeographed their lists and circulated them to interested bodies. Now, like fervent religious converts, many of us computerize our output and then, battered by financial restrictions, produce a few or sometimes, single computer printouts for use only in our own institution." She commented that under the pressure of gathering information directly related to economic and social development, librarians and bibliographers have been neglecting the humanistic disciplines. Here the productive work continues to come mainly from individual scholars. Mrs. Alleyne commented candidly on what she considered to be shortcomings—delayed production and publication, incomplete coverage, overlap, and unnecessary duplication of effort—in some of the current bibliographic programs covering the Caribbean, as an antidote to possible complacency about past achievements in the field. Appended to her paper was a brief but useful bibliography of recent retrieval tools to supplement Mrs. Bloomfield's

earlier survey.

Alan Moss, University of the West Indies, Barbados, continued the theme of the panel with "Research Needs and Document Delivery Services: The Case of the Caribbean Libraries." He examined in some detail the more important document delivery services in the Caribbean, including such external resources as NTIS and ERIC in the United States, the British Library Lending Division, and international organizations. Despite some improvements here and there, Mr. Moss characterized the present state as "at best somewhat rudimentary," but there are possibilities by means of which the demand for services, and then the services themselves, might be further developed. Leaving aside speculation about the distant future, when documents will be delivered by electronic mail, Mr. Moss concluded that if Caribbean librarians can tackle the twin problems of bibliographic control of what there already is, and making just that material available, they will have done well.

The two presentations evoked spirited comments and defenses. Clarifications as to the scope and currency of the compilations with which they are associated were made by Neida Pagán for *Caribbean Studies* (Puerto Rico), Maureen Newton for *CARICOM Bibliography* (Guyana), Shirley Evelyn for CAGRINDEX (Trinidad and Tobago), and Carmen de Ramos for *Current Caribbean Bibliography* (Puerto Rico). Lucero Arboleda de Roa of the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, commenting on Mr. Moss' paper, observed that libraries in countries without national information systems and centers are greatly handicapped in identifying what national resources they can share on the one hand and, on the other, in knowing about the availability of information on outside resources that could be drawn upon, assuming that the delivery capability is there. Mr. Moss harked back to the point made by several commentators in previous discussions, the urgent need to plan and create national information systems. [*Peter J. de la Garza*]

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